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14 Apr 78

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NOTES

Attached is a copy of Jack Blake's proposed memorandum to the DCI recommending follow-up action with the House Select Committee on Assassination concerning the Agency's resumption of the destruction of documents. Our previous letter to Chairman Stokes informed him that we hoped to resume destruction on 1 May and destruction schedules would be furnished to the Committee for review.

I am planning to have a meeting early next week with Blakey and representatives from OGC and Records Management. Also, there will be a representative from the Archivist that will explain to Blakey in detail the legal requirements for the Agency to resume destruction. We have continually assured Blakey that no documents or material related to the HSCA will be destroyed. We would hope, however, to be able to work out some satisfactory arrangement to solve this problem at the

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meeting. Personally, I doubt that the Committee will go along with resumption of destruction and Chairman Stokes will make a personal appeal to the Director.

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DRAFT
13 April 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration
SUBJECT: Destruction of Agency Records

1. Action Requested: Approval of a letter to the House Select Committee on Assassinations furthering our efforts to destroy Agency records as required by law.

2. Background:

a. Our 12 March 1978 letter to the HSCA informed Chairman Stokes of our plans to resume normal destruction of Agency records on 1 May 1978. This letter updated our commitment of 9 December 1976 to refrain from destroying any records until the HSCA had reviewed our records control schedules and had no objection. Enclosed with the letter were copies of [] CIA Records Destruction Policy, and one Agency records control schedule. In the letter we stated that we would arrange at the end of March 1978 for delivery of the remaining schedules and for a briefing of the Committee staff. In a return note to me you instructed that no destruction was to take place until Committee approval had been obtained.

b. The timing for delivery of the schedules and for the briefing was based on indications to OLC from Mr. Blakey, the Committee's chief counsel and director, as to when the Committee

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staff would be able to conduct the review. When OLC contacted Mr. Blakey again at the end of March, however, he stated that the Committee staff was still not ready to focus on this review.

c. As you know, the continued possession of certain of our records that have been approved for disposal is in violation of the Privacy Act and Executive Order 12036, as well as the Federal records statutes and regulations. We have learned informally that the Archivist is concerned that we are not implementing the records disposals he has approved. We must continue to demonstrate that we are trying in good faith to comply with our records disposal responsibilities. The attached letter to the HSCA shows that we are continuing to make every reasonable effort to obtain HSCA action on their commitment to review our schedules.

3. Staff Position: The Offices of Legislative Counsel and General Counsel agree with the substance of this memorandum.

4. Recommendation: That you sign the attached letter to the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

John F. Blake

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13 April 1978

Honorable Louis Stokes
Chairman, Select Committee on Assassinations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In our letter of 12 March 1978 concerning destruction of Agency records that have been approved for disposal by the Archivist of the United States, we stated that we would arrange for delivery of our approved records control schedules to you for Committee review, and for a briefing of the Committee staff. Accordingly, we are forwarding herewith copies of all current Agency schedules except the one transmitted with our 12 March letter. Our Office of Legislative Counsel is contacting the Committee staff to schedule a briefing by our records management staff. I trust that our staffs, working together, will complete the review of the records schedules by early May, to coincide with our plans to bring Agency records into compliance with the statutes and regulations covering disposal of Federal records. Upon completion of the review, the records control schedules are to be returned to the Agency.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

FROM:

Chief, Personnel Management

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The attached is per our telephone conversation. Feel free to make such changes as you deem appropriate. If changes are made, please give me a copy of what was forwarded.

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